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Welcome to PCAccent. This newsletter is an adjunct, an "accent" if you will, to the PCA's Web site and the PENnant. The Board of Directors will use PCAccent to keep you informed about PCA news and happenings.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS NEWSLETTER! For comments or questions, send email to PCA President Carla Mortensen. To subscribe or unsubscribe, please send email to Membership Coordinator Kim Sosin. Email addresses for Carla and Kim can be found on the PCA's Web site:

<http://pencollectorsofamerica.com/>

If you have news that would benefit our members, please send an email to Deb Kinney - [debkinney@alumni.duke.edu](mailto:debkinney@alumni.duke.edu), PCAccent Editor.

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\*\*\* Pens for Kids - Bill Hong \*\*\*  
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A Pens for Kids workshop is planned for the Washington DC Fountain Pen Supershow in August. Tentative date is Saturday, August 8, time and place to be determined. As always, PCA will be most appreciative of donations of inexpensive pens that can be given to young people attending the PFK workshops, as well as any paraphernalia that help to put the hobby, its history and its continuing relevance in context to a young audience.

Please contact Bill Hong for more information on the DC Show PFK workshop, or Linda Bauer for more general information. And if you are planning to attend the DC show, please give consideration to assisting some young person to come along as well! Admission for kids through teens on Saturday/Sunday (or accompanying a Weekend Trader) is free.

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\*\*\* Membership Report - Kim Svabik \*\*\*  
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Days before the Chicago show, PCA members Lynn Green, Lauren Green, and Theresa Patton all of Chicago facilitated a first class Pens For Kids seminar at the John J Pershing West Magnet School. This public school in the south side of Chicago is home to Lynn Green's nephew and proved to be the perfect venue for an interactive workshop. Lynn, Lauren, and Theresa enriched their presentation with generous gift bags made up of donations from the following vendors:

1. Jimmy Dolive, Total Office Products Service- 60 Varsity fountain pens
2. Nancy Olson, Fine Life Media - 60+ Stylus magazines and 60+ Exacompta leatherette journals

3. Theresa Patton, TT Patton - 60 gift bags, 60 bookmarks, stationary so each student could write a thank you letter for Mother's Day, and 12 Peilikano Jr. Pens for the students who made it to the Chicago Pen Show
4. Eddie Kallman, Airline International - 3 Parker Frontier fountain pens for the Principal & two 5th grade teachers
5. Aaron and Kim Svabik of Pentiques.com - 5 Parker t-shirts
6. Pen Collectors of America - 60+ PENnant magazines
7. Linda Bauer of PCA - Pens for Kids Power Point presentation
8. Karen Doherty of Exaclair, Inc - 60+ writing pads
9. Jerry Greenberg of Yafa - 60+ Yafa fountain pens (cartridge fillers)
10. Timothy Seed - professional photographer
11. Exaclair - colorful Clairefontaine paper
12. Chicago Show Organizers - Coupons

Over 60 children enjoyed looking and, at times, handling Lynn's personal collection. Her nephew proudly wore a PenMen shirt to the event and shared his enthusiasm for fountain pens as well. The presentation made quite an impact on the student body of John J Pershing. One student was so excited about the seminar, her mother brought her to the Chicago show. Her mom thanked us for allowing such a presentation to take place at their school. The Pen Collectors of America are dedicated to passing on the legacy of pen collecting. On April 22nd Lynn, Lauren, and Theresa did just that. Thank you for all your hard work.

Thanks to Dan Zazove and Don Lavin, PCA membership had the perfect spot in the Chicago Pen Show lobby. Our banners stood proudly announcing Pens For Kids and the PENnant. We had several new member sign ups and quite a few Passports were completed by eager children on Sunday. Lynn Green set up her 20" Mac monitor to indulge show goers in a slide show of her April 22nd Pens for Kids demonstration. It was shaping up to be a great day. Unfortunately, our spokesperson, Kim Svabik, was taken to the ER that afternoon. Dr. Barry Abrams, a pen enthusiast, was sitting at the booth looking at the new website when asked to look in Kim's throat (only at a pen show) and diagnosed her on the spot. Dr. Abrams sent Kim to the ER and called ahead with her diagnosis and instruction. Thank you Barry for your willingness to share your medical expertise!

The PCA was without representation until two lovely ladies volunteered to take on the PCA booth. Linda Sorgatz and daughter Jody stepped up to help a friend in need. Neither one have ever talked about PCA memberships let alone sold them. They talked to children, parents, and membership all Sunday afternoon, and we are so grateful for their teamwork. "Thank you" also goes out to Terry Mawhorter, Frank Tedesco, and Frank and Sam Fiorella for taking care of packing up the PCA banners and table. You are all greatly appreciated.

You can visit our volunteer (Vance Koven) at the PCA table at the Boston show (New England Pen Show, May 30-31) and a volunteer at the Raleigh show (Triangle Pen show, June 11-14).

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\*\*\* Pen Club News - Deb Kinney \*\*\*  
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St. Louis Area Fountain Pen Users

Report of Meeting - May 16, 2009

The announced topic was to bring pen repair equipment and tools that members might be interested in seeing explained or demonstrated. Larry Allin was definitely the star performer as he brought along an extensive kit of tools and explained their use, gave tips on repairs and provided information on where similar tools could be obtained.

Larry's presentation was obviously of interest as it elicited many questions and comments from the group.

As it was Martin Lipic's first attendance at a meeting, he was asked to speak to the group about the Lipic Pen Company. Martin provided a very interesting commentary about the Lipic company and its history in St. Louis. His commentary regarding the Lipic Pen Company's long history of manufacturing, selling and repairing fountain pens solicited many questions and comments from the group and it is hoped that the exchange of ideas will result in Martin returning in the future to continue this discussion.

Again, you are reminded that Larry Allin continues to work on the Yahoo SLAPU site and asks that everyone who hasn't yet done so should join the SLAPU group. You can join the group by accessing:

[http://us.rd.yahoo.com/evt=42879/\\*http://groups.yahoo.com/group/slapu](http://us.rd.yahoo.com/evt=42879/*http://groups.yahoo.com/group/slapu)

If you have any questions about joining the YAHOO SLAPU site, contact Larry Allin [lallin@swbell.net](mailto:lallin@swbell.net)

The next meeting will be held on Saturday August 15th at 1:00 PM at the Oak Bend branch of the St. Louis County Public Library.

Kent Leichliter

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\*\*\* Upcoming Pen Shows - Deb Kinney \*\*\*  
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The New England Pen Show is May 30-31. So if you're thinking of coming, please make your reservations. The Somerville Holiday Inn's reservation number is 617-628-1000, or 800-972-3381. Thanks! Rob Morrison [www.nepenshow.com](http://www.nepenshow.com)

Triangle Pen show - June 11-14 at the Embassy Suites. For more information, Contact Terry Mawhorter [tmawhorter@columbus.rr.com](mailto:tmawhorter@columbus.rr.com) 614- 619-5025. Visit the website at <http://www.raleighpenshow.com/>

The Miami Pen Show - July 18-20th at the Biltmore Hotel. This will be the 6th year that Bertram's Inkwell will have the honor of running the show. Check us out

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[www.bertramsinkwell.com](http://www.bertramsinkwell.com)

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like meeting dates/times, etc. [debkinney@alumni.duke.edu](mailto:debkinney@alumni.duke.edu)